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SUBJECT: U.S. FERROUS SCRAP EXPORT CONTROL

1. TRANSMITTED IS A FOREIGN OFFICE TRANSLATION TO ENGLISH OF A LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS LOPEZ RODO REQUESTING ASSURANCES THAT SPAIN WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN FROM THE U.S. SOME TWO MILLION TONS OF SCRAP IN 1974:

"DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

" AS I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO-DAY TO POINT OUT TO YOUR AMBASSADOR IN MADRID, THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE RESTRICTIONS IMPLEMENTED IN THE UNITED STATES ON IRON-SCRAP EXPORTS.

"IT IS AN ESSENTIAL MATERIAL FOR THE SPANISH-ECONOMY WHICH HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN IMPORTED IN CONSIDERABLE AMOUNTS FROM YOUR COUNTRY.

"ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION THE GOVERNMENT OF THE US IS AT PRESENT CONSIDERING THE SETTING UP OF IRON-SCRAP EXPORT QUOTAS FOR 1974, AND I WISH TO LET YOU KNOW THAT IN SUCH A CASE SPAIN HOPES TO OBTAIN A QUOTA OF TWO MILLION TONS FOR NEXT YEAR.

" THE HAPPY EXISTING RELATIONS - AS WELL AS THE COOPERATION AGREEMENTS IN FORCE - BETWEEN BOTH OUR TWO COUNTRIES ALLOW ME TO EXPECT YOUR UNDERSTANDING IN REGARD TO OUR DESIRE.

"MAY I UNDERLINE THAT IRON PRODUCED IN SPAIN WOULD NOT COMPETE IN THE LEAST WITH YOUR OWN STEEL INDUSTRY.

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FOR SPAIN DOES NOT EXPORT THIS KIND OF GOODS TO THE

AMERICAN MARKET.

" I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR OWN PERSONAL
ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEM BROUGHT UP IN THIS LETTER.

"YOURS SINCERELY, LAUREANO LOPEZ RODO"

2. THIS LETTER WAS TRANSMITTED TO ME BY MINISTER LOPEZ RODO
FOLLOWING MY CALL ON HIM NOV 12.

3. I WILL BRING WITH ME TO WASHINGTON THE ORIGINAL LETTER
IN SPANISH.

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